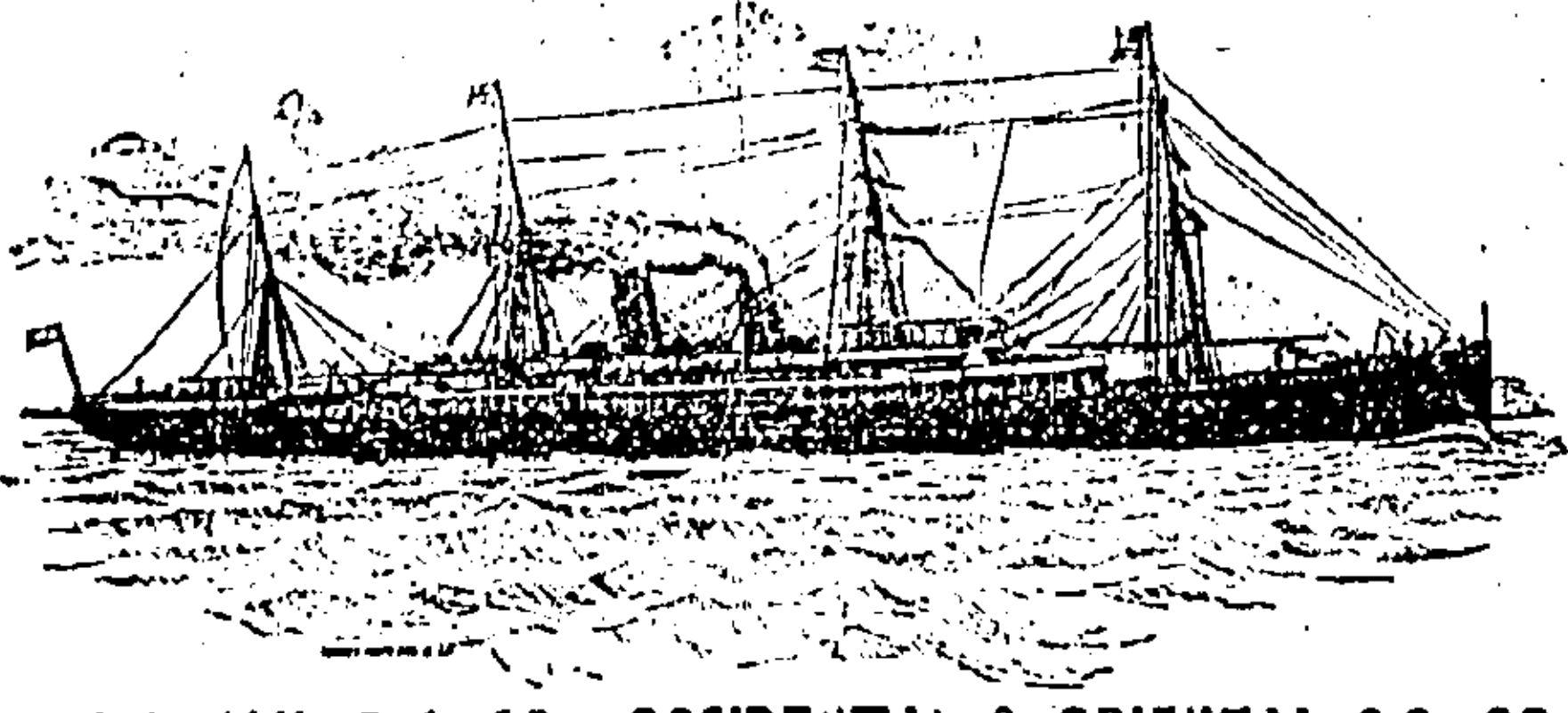






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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| "KOREA"         | FRIDAY, 27th February, at Noon. |
| "GALIC"         | SATURDAY, 7th March, at Noon.   |
| "HONGKONG MARU" | TUESDAY, 17th March, at Noon.   |
| "CHINA"         | TUESDAY, 24th March, at Noon.   |
| "DORIC"         | WEDNESDAY, 1st April, at Noon.  |
| "NIPPON MARU"   | SATURDAY, 11th April, at Noon.  |
| "SIBERIA"       | SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.  |
| "COSMO"         | SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.  |
| "AMERICA MARU"  | TUESDAY, 5th May, at Noon.      |

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA" 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-23th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

The P. M. Company's Steamship "KOREA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States and Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1903.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
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"EMPRESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

|                    |            |                           |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| R.M.S. "TARTAR"    | 4,425 Tons | WEDNESDAY, 25th February. |
| "EMPRESS OF JAPAN" | 6,000      | WEDNESDAY, 11th March.    |
| "ATHENIAN"         | 3,882      | WEDNESDAY, 18th March.    |
| "EMPRESS OF CHINA" | 6,000      | WEDNESDAY, 1st April.     |
| "EMPRESS OF INDIA" | 6,000      | WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.    |
| "TARTAR"           | 4,425      | WEDNESDAY, 6th May.       |
| "EMPRESS OF JAPAN" | 6,000      | WEDNESDAY, 13th May.      |
| "ATHENIAN"         | 3,882      | WEDNESDAY, 27th May.      |
| "EMPRESS OF CHINA" | 6,000      | WEDNESDAY, 3rd June.      |
| "EMPRESS OF INDIA" | 6,000      | WEDNESDAY, 14th June.     |
| "EMPRESS OF JAPAN" | 6,000      | WEDNESDAY, 15th July.     |

The magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1903.

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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| STEAMERS        | DESTINATIONS                        | SAILING DATES |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| C. FERD. LAEISZ | HAVRE and HAMBURG.                  | 3rd Mar.      |
| Fuchs           | (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)  | 17th Mar.     |
| ANDALUSIA       | HAVRE and HAMBURG.                  | 28th Mar.     |
| von Dechen      | (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.) | 7th April.    |
| BAMBERG         | HAVRE and HAMBURG.                  | 21st April.   |
| Kirchner        | (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)  | 5th May.      |
| KONIGSBERG      | HAVRE and HAMBURG.                  | 19th May.     |
| Mayer           | (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.) |               |
| SAMBIA          | HAVRE and HAMBURG.                  |               |
| Schmidt         | (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)  |               |
| SERBIA          | HAVRE and HAMBURG.                  |               |
| Brehmer         | (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.) |               |
| SAXONIA         | HAVRE and HAMBURG.                  |               |
| Jäger           | (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)  |               |

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

HONGKONG OFFICE,

No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1903.

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Official Administrator to Sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

For Account of the Estates of the late J. Brodie, Baron von Bosch, C. J. Jacobsen, J. McCann, R. Kirk, Capt. Moidon, E. E. Smallwood, and Harrowdale, TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY), the 21st February, 1903, at 11 A.M., at their

SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

SUNDRY GOODS AND EFFECTS, Comprising—

CAMPOR WOOD AND STEEL TRUNKS, DRESSING CASE, CLOTHING, BOOKS, UMBRELLAS, &c., &c.

ALSO A Quantity of GOLD and SILVER JEWELLERY.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1903. [202e]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. DAVID WOOD, to Sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 21st February, 1903, at 3.30 P.M., at No. 5, STEWART TERRACE, THE PEAK, THE WHOLE OF HIS

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—

DOUBLE AND SINGLE IRON and BRASS BEDSTEADS, TEAKWOOD TABLES, OVERMANTELS, SIDE-BOARDS, WARDROBES, WASHSTANDS, LAMPS, CHEST-OF-DRAWERS, DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, WRITING TABLE, BOOKCASES, RATTAN FURNITURE, GLASS WARE, CUTLERY, COOKING and DRYING STOVES, PLANTS and PALMS in POTS, &c., &c.

AND One CHUBB'S IRON SAFE. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1903. [191e]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Captain Superintendent of Police to Sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

on MONDAY, the 23rd February, 1903, at 11 A.M., a QUANTITY OF

SURPLUS STORES. TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1903. [203e]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th February, 1903, at 11 A.M., at 451M-TS-TSU, on Marine Lots 4 and 5, About 4,500 Tons CARDIFF COAL, POWELL DUFFRYN'S MINES, in Good Order and Condition, in Lots of 250 Tons each.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1903. [209e]

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

MR. W. F. CARY'S connection with THE CHINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., LTD., ceases from This Date.

LEFFERTS KNOX, District Manager.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1903. [204e]

## NOTICE.

MR. MORRIS J. ISAAC has This Day been appointed MANAGER for CAN-TON OF THE CHINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

LEFFERTS KNOX, District Manager.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1903. [205e]

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LEFFERTS KNOX, District Manager.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1903. [206e]

## Hotels.

## KING EDWARD HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR AND BILLIARD ROOMS.

Rooms specially reserved for Captains of the Mercantile Marine.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Electrically Lighted.

Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.

Table D' Hote at Separate Tables.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1902. [1116d]

## THOMAS' HOTEL.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

THIS HOTEL, having changed hands, has been re-fitted after the style of a First-Class Foreign Hotel, with rooms en suite and single furnished with every regard to perfect comfort and convenience. The Hotel is in very close proximity to the principal Banks and Merchants' Offices.

MODERATE TARIFF.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1386d]

## Entimations.

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

EASTER TERM begins TO-MORROW, the 21st February, at 9 A.M.

NO ROOM at present for NEW BOYS. Boys seeking Re-admission must apply at once.

GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D., Head Master.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1903. [198e]

## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 23rd February, 1903, at 12 o'clock NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1902.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GEO. A. CALDWELL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1903. [133e]

## HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES in Bank Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 24th February, 1903, at 11 o'clock A.M., when the SUBJUNCTIVE RESOLUTION which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th February, 1903, will be submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—

(a) In Article (79) the word "nine" shall be substituted for the word "seven."

(b) In Article (88) the words "nine thousand" shall be substituted for the words "seven thousand."

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1903. [154e]

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1903, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1902, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. [155e]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

A ONE-DAYS RACE MEETING will be held early in APRIL next, provided sufficient Entries are received. Particulars and Conditions as to Programme will appear later.

By Order, A. S. ANTON, Acting Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1903. [196e]

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1902, at the RATE OF ONE POUND AND TEN SHILLINGS, together with a BONUS OF TEN SHILLINGS STERLING per Share of \$125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 16th day of February current, at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION, where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1903. [185e]

## TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY.

## A NEW AND REVISED STREET INDEX,

BY ARTHUR CHAPMAN, GOVERNMENT ASSESSOR.

INTENDING Subscribers are requested to send, as early as possible, Orders for as many copies as they may require, to THE GOVERNMENT ASSESSOR, The Treasury.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1903. [206e]

## WANTED.

APPRENTICE TO DRESSMAKING. Smart Intelligent English Girl to assist Dressmaker and learn cutting.

Apply "COSTUME," C/o. Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1903. [178e]

## WANTED.

A TEACHER for English.

Apply by letter to—"M.M.B." C/o. this paper.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1903. [183e]

## WANTED.

A TEACHER for ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Apply by Letter to BRO. FRANCIS, Director, St. Joseph's College.

No. 2, Robinson Road, Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

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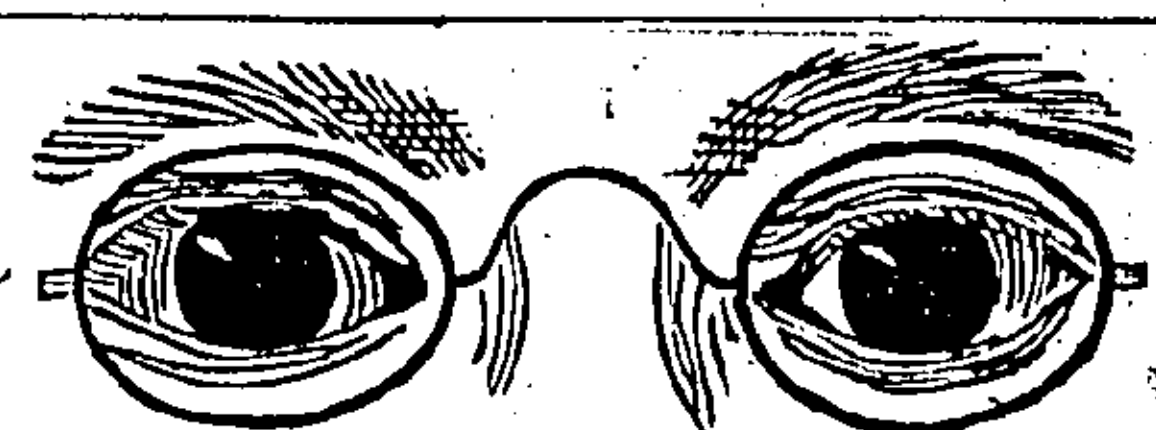
In Casks of 375 lbs. Net £0.00 per Cask ex Factory.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [10]

## Entimations.



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Of impaired and lost eyesight, cataracts and other diseased conditions of the eyes is generally associated with delay in getting first glasses, cheap spectacles, tramp spex, bungling of incompetents and the indiscriminate wearing of others' discarded lasses.

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## Johnson's Digestive Tablets:

## THE GREAT REMEDY FOR

Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Flatulency and Acidity of the Stomach.

## VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

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## INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

## DR. AUER VON WELSBACH CO.,

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## THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES, The Price of which has been reduced to

FIFTY CENTS per piece.

BEWARE OF INFERIOR IMITATIONS!

## KRUSE &amp; Co.,

CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1901. [1256c]



## OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Fleet Street, 16th January.

## THE PREMIER ILL AGAIN.

The health of Mr. Balfour is not good, and despite reassuring bulletins his friends are rather worried at his frequent attacks from chills. The fact is the Premier worked like a slave over the Education Bill, and the over-exertion left a mark which was not dreamed of when the Session closed. Then he seemed particularly fit, but afterwards, when his nerves had time to relax, it was found that the strain had been very great indeed. It is a matter of regret to all parties, for he is personally popular all round the House, and it is readily conceded that under his leadership the fate of the Bill might have been very different. Last week I wrote that he had recovered and was indulging in gaiety at Chisworth. He came back to town simultaneously with a "cold snap" and his susceptibility to chills soon displayed itself. On Monday he had to stay in his residence in Downing Street though it was announced that there was little amiss. On Tuesday it was evident that there was something more the matter than at first indicated, for bulletins announcing that the patient had to keep in bed were issued. Mr. Balfour is far from robust and he can hardly afford to have many of these troublesome attacks just before the opening of a hot Parliamentary session.

A great religious revival is opening in Exeter Hall just now led by Dr. R. A. Torrey and Mr. Charles Alexander, described as the successors of Moody and Sankey. Of course, they hail from America, that fount of the strenuous. I understand that they have come here after a tour which has included China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and India.

Two continental items affecting China have just reached me. One states that a project is on foot to establish a Franco-Chinese school at Tching Tou Fou, the capital of Szechuen. The other intimates that in the German Budget proposals for 1903 is a proposal to allot a first sum of £10,000 for a hospital to be erected in Peking attached to the German legation. The total cost of the hospital is estimated at £25,000.

Dispatches from Washington indicate that the Venezuela trouble is likely to extend. In spite of the advice of the "United States" to the contrary Venezuela is said to be determined to claim substantial compensation from Germany and England for the bombardment of her forts the other day. The matter will be discussed in a day or two by Mr. Bowen, the American minister, and President Roosevelt, as soon as the former arrives in Washington. For downright "cheek" the South American Republic can only be compared to the cheerful gamins of the London street.

A German chemist is said to have invented a process by which nitrogen can be extracted from the atmosphere in large quantities. Should the idea become as effective in working as is predicted it may have great results especially in agricultural pursuits. It has been explained to a number of business men and scientists and a company has been formed to work it. Those who have examined the process say it will produce nitrates at a very low cost compared with present rates.

A powerful body of gentlemen are arranging for a club to be established for soldiers and sailors in London, in memory of those who fell in China and South Africa. It is to be called the "Union Jack Club" and is to be a real "social rendezvous for the rank and file of the services" which in London. Col. Sir Edward Ward, Permanent Under Secretary of State for War, is chairman of the executive committee which includes such men as Lord Rowton, Earl Fitzwilliam, Capt. the Hon. Hugh Tyrwhitt, Col. C. H. Bazet, Mr. J. Cumming Macdonald, M. P., Mr. H. C. Lea—and two or three ladies. Major Haggard is secretary. The famous surgeon, Sir Frederick Treves, is a warm supporter of the enterprise. I quote from the prospectus which has just reached me.

The "Union Jack" Club will be open to all sailors and soldiers, and to Reservists on production of their papers. It will be entirely social, and will furnish for the man who is on leave, or who is at home in London, a place close to Waterloo Station (at which most sailors and soldiers arrive), where he can find everything suited to his requirements, where he can meet his comrades, where his interests will be safeguarded, where he can at any time procure a good bed and a comfortable meal, and where he can avoid the many temptations and pitfalls which await him. The "Union Jack" Club, after it has been presented to the services, will be conducted on similar lines to those usual in clubs of good standing. With the aid of subscriptions from ships and regiments, it is hoped that it will at an early date be self-supporting. In addition to the ordinary dining and smoking rooms, there will be reading and writing rooms, a library, billiard rooms, and a room which can be used for any entertainment desired by the members and approved by the committee. It is estimated that £60,000 will be required to build and thoroughly equip the club premises and to cover the cost of renting and establishing temporary premises, during the construction of the permanent building. There has been a little timidity on the part of some of the promoters as to the liberal control to be exercised over the club, but a friend of mine who is on the committee assures me that the men will have no unnecessary restrictions placed upon them. The scheme has the

VERY WARM APPROVAL of the Government chiefs of the Service departments. I have alluded to it at length here because I believe it is an excellent scheme and will be productive of great good in the future. If anybody in the Far East is in mind to give it a helping hand the address of the secretary, Major Arthur Haggard, is temporarily fixed at

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. G. Ginnell.

the Pall Mall Deposit, Carlton Street, Regent Street, S.W.

The Royal Aquarium gave its last entertainment on Saturday night. It has long been the abode of the all-day variety entertainment opposite the door of Westminster Abbey, and its change of use is to be thorough. The Wesleyan Methodists have paid a huge sum for it with a view to making it the headquarters of their denominational work. Oh, what a change is this, my countrymen!

In order to encourage trade relations between South Africa and America a movement has been set on foot in Johannesburg for the establishment of an American Chamber of Commerce. A large number of prominent American firms have promised their support and it is predicted that before long the American colony in the Transvaal will be stronger than any other foreign element there.

The *St. James' Gazette* is responsible for the report that Major-General Baden-Powell has been offered the post of Inspector General of Cavalry in this country.

In diplomatic circles in Berlin it is stated that Japan intends to elevate her Ministers accredited to the Great Powers to the rank of Ambassadors. The *Reichsanzeiger* says that this will oblige the powers to return the compliment, and though Germany will be loath to do this she will not hang back if England leads the way.

A report is current that the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has told the leading men of his country that he wishes to abdicate. In view of family and other troubles this is not improbable, but the state of the political parties in the country is so critical that it is hoped the old and much respected monarch will hold on for the present. It is said that King Edward has urged the Emperor personally not to give an opportunity to discord to break out in such a sensitive corner of Europe. A friend of mine in Vienna assures me that the political situation, with its aggravating language problem as the gravest symptom, shows hardly a satisfactory point on the whole horizon.

The Chinese labour question has burst with renewed vigour on the public gaze in consequence of Mr. Chamberlain's conferences with the magnates of the Rand. By no means is the criticism restricted to the Opposition press. Both sides have been asking in their shrillest tones—"Is this what we went to war?" I am told the financiers of the Rand with temporarily import 100,000 coolies, but deny that they aim at their permanent settlement. I doubt if they will realise their wishes, for the Government here is not strong in public favour that it can afford to add suspicion to the already doubtful labour voter.

Speck von Bernburg, the successor of Dr. von Holleben as German Ambassador in Washington, comes of a well-known family. Among his appointments have been military or diplomatic posts at Buenos Ayres, Washington, Peking, and Belgrade. It was in 1891 that he first became attached to the legation at Peking. In Paris yesterday Sueng Pao Ki, Envoy Extraordinary of the Emperor of China, was received by the Minister of Public Instruction, to whom he announced the Emperor's intention to send Chinese students to France, and copy the French system of scientific education in China. Sir Ernest Satow arrived in town from Hongkong last night.

## THINGS CHINESE IN WATERWAYS.

AND THE BRITISH "WATERWITCH."

Thus the *China Gazette* of 14th inst.—Every globe-trotter who visits the Far East, either for the purpose of writing a book, floating a gold mine, or running a series of prize-fights notices that nearly everything in China is the reverse of what people are used to in either Europe, America, or Australia. In those benighted countries one is accustomed to shake the hand of a friend, but a Chinese prefers to shake his own fist by way, perhaps, of contrast. Most Chinese women prefer to wear the garments which are generally accepted in the Western world as a triumphant sign of masculinity while he lord and master rejoices in a "petticoat of satin." One could go on thus *ad infinitum* to show the topsyturvydom of things at large in this country, but surely one most unique instance of the general "cussiness" of things Chinese is strikingly exemplified by the Whangpoo river and its numerous vagaries. One needs to really live continuously on the river to realize what a contradictory state of affairs exists in this small waterway. In other rivers, when one sees the water rushing out, say, three to four knots, he naturally imagines the tide is going out and that the water is falling. Not so in the Whangpoo, which rises superior to most of our Western natural laws. One can always see at Woosung, especially at spring tides, the stream running out at three or four knots an hour and the water simultaneously rising at the rate of six inches every ten minutes. While one views the rushing stream running at the same rate, it would lead one naturally to imagine that the waters are rising. But they are not—they are abating. Also in most well behaved river their channels are kept clear by the outgoing stream, whereas if it were not for the rush of the flood tide in the Whangpoo we could not get water enough at Shanghai, or at least over that "heaven-sent" barrier at Woosung, to float a house-boat of respectable draught.

In the same way, too, according to Western ideas the harbour master and his staff, or some recognized authority are generally supposed to have control of matters riverine, such as the clearing of obstructions to navigation and the discovery of new channels, necessitating the employment of men of experience who have had to deal with the peculiarities of rivers carrying an enormous quantity of silt, and who do not wait to discover channels which have been known to exist, but which no one dared to use, because if one used the channel and any

accident happened the pilot captain so doing would undoubtedly get into trouble, as they have often found to their cost for being where they had no business to be. As an illustration of this outside of the present discovery of the new channel over the Outer Bar, it is a well-known and remarkable fact that prior to the trouble in 1900, the North Channel was almost as bad as it is at present, and no effort was made to discover a new channel, but when H.M.S. *Waterwitch* was put on the job she promptly found a channel, with not less than 26 feet of water at low water springs, enabling the biggest battleships in the Far East to use it with safety, thereby showing the great value of experienced professional marine surveyors in this sort of work. At the present time the North Channel is almost unfit for navigation and is not supposed to have any safe channel through it, whereas it is believed by experienced shipmasters that if the *Waterwitch* were again to take a cruise in the North Channel she would soon find all the water necessary for the British fleet.

The discovery of the new approach to Shanghai has been hailed in some quarters as an unqualified blessing, but, alas! even since the discovery of the new channel, another find has been made in the shape of a sunken wreck, right in the fairway of the latest channel, and a prohibition against the navigation of the said channel has been accordingly issued for the present.

## Masonic.

## VICTORIA LODGE.

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A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 21st instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [2078]



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Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [1900]

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## NOTICE.

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E. W. TILDEN,

Agent.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [1902]



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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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## THE Company's Steamship

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [1370]

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E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1903. [14]

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A. S. MIHARA,

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [1000c]

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rial Maritime Customs Service, aged 4 years.  
On the 14th February, at 33, Seehuen Road,  
Shanghai, GEORGE, infant daughter of Mr.  
& Mrs. Haanesen, aged 5 months.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1903.

## CHINA AND GOLD.

In view of the fact that, at the recent  
meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber  
of Commerce, the principal objection of  
members to any reform in the currency of  
the Colony was based on the statement that  
unless China adopted a gold standard no  
change could satisfactorily be made in our  
currency we reproduce, from the  
*Peking and Tientsin Times*, of the 7th  
instant, a scheme for the adoption by  
China of a gold standard. In introducing  
the subject the writer examines shortly the  
objections that are often raised against a  
stable currency, and observes "it would be  
thought that it is hardly necessary to de-  
monstrate that not only would a stable  
exchange be of advantage to the Chinese  
Government, but that it would be of the  
very greatest advantage to all tra-  
ders in China." He proceeds to allude  
to the serious aspect of the depreciation  
in exchange and the alarm of all  
thinking men at the state into which the  
China trade is falling. That such an  
assertion is not without foundation there  
can be no denying, as the import trade is  
almost at a standstill, while the benefits  
that are accruing to the export trade  
are delusory and temporary. In recom-  
mending the scheme to be adopted by  
the Imperial Government of China, the  
writer remarks that, it should be borne  
in mind that the recommendations are not  
those that would have been made if we had  
been dealing with a currency with a strong  
central Government like India or Japan.  
It is hoped, however, that they will be found  
practicable in China where, in view of the  
deeply ingrained conservatism of the people  
and the fear that the Government is hardly  
strong enough to enforce at once sweeping  
changes in the currency, it has been felt  
that a slow and gradual reform is the only  
remedy possible. The suggested steps  
are divided into three parts with intervals  
of one year between each. These intervals  
are proposed in order to allow time for the  
innovations suggested in Part I to find their  
way into public favour, and to place the Go-  
vernment in a position to more effectively  
take the steps recommended in Parts II  
and III. This scheme is as follows:—

(1).—That a National Bank be established  
having its head office in Shanghai with sub-  
branches in Peking, Tientsin, Hankow and  
Canton.  
(2).—That a silver currency of tael coins be  
issued, in which half-tael coins be of the  
same fineness as the tael coins be issued with  
a subsidiary coinage in fractions of the tael.  
(3).—That the minting of China dollars cease.  
(4).—That the exclusive right to mint silver  
coins be vested in the National Bank.  
(5).—That the plant, machinery, and as far  
as possible the personnel of the present Chinese  
mints be taken over by the National Bank.  
(6).—That the National Bank be authorised  
to issue notes repayable on demand in the  
new tael coins, provided a sufficient reserve in  
bullion (say 50 per cent of the note issue) is  
kept in hand.  
(7).—That the National Bank under the  
management of skilled foreign bankers be con-  
trolled by a Chinese Board of Directors in  
Shanghai, who shall be directly responsible  
only to the Board of Revenue in Peking. That  
the Shanghai Board be authorised to invite two  
or three of the leading foreign merchants in  
Shanghai to assist them in their deliberations.  
(8).—That the Government keep their bal-  
ances with the National Bank and remit their  
revenues through the same channel.  
(9).—That in order to guarantee the main-  
tenance of the necessary cash reserves in the  
vaults of the bank, the Inspector-General of  
Customs shall deputise officers to periodically  
inspect the books and cash reserves.  
(10).—That during a period of two years  
from the establishment of the mint the present  
sycee shoes be exchangeable on demand for  
the new tael coins and that after the period of  
two years the circulation of sycee shoes be  
declared illegal.  
(11).—That newly minted tael coins be issued  
only in exchange for the sycee shoes tendered  
during the interval of two years.  
(12).—That all persons exchanging sycee  
shoes in accordance with paragraph 10 be  
given the option of payment in the National  
Bank currency notes.  
(13).—That Imperial edicts be issued com-  
manding that the new tael coins be accepted in  
payment of produce and stating that in two

years' time they be the legal medium of ex-  
change. The edicts should also state that the  
interval of two years is given as it will take  
considerable time for a sufficient number of  
new coins to be minted. And it should further  
be definitely stated that after two years the only  
legal tender will be the new tael coins or the  
currency notes issued thereagainst.

(14).—That during a period of two years  
from the date of establishment of the Mint the  
export of tael coins be forbidden.

(15).—That a Monetary Conference be im-  
mediately summoned to which Great Britain,  
the United States of America, and Japan, be  
invited in conjunction with Hongkong, the  
Straits and any further silver-using countries  
that are willing to participate.

INTERVAL OF ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MINT.

## PART II.

(1).—That the minting of sycee shoes be  
declared illegal.

(2).—That the import of dollars be prohibited.

(3).—That for a period of six months dollars  
be exchangeable for tael coins at their intrinsic  
tael value.

## PART III.

(1).—That the import of silver be forbidden.

(2).—That the circulation of sycee and  
dollars be declared illegal.

(3).—That the Chinese Government offer to  
give eight new tael coins in exchange for one  
pound sterling, or the equivalent weight in fine  
gold (i.e. at the exchange of 25/6d. per tael).

(4).—That gold in the above ratio be receiv-  
able at the Custom Houses or in payment of  
Government dues at the option of the payer.

(5).—That no fresh coins beyond those issued  
in accordance with paragraph 3 be put into  
circulation.

(6).—That any profit on the coinage (i.e. the  
above the cost of maintaining the Mint, be  
held in gold in the vaults of the National Bank  
as a special reserve and not be credited to the  
revenue nor held as a portion of the ordinary  
balances of the Government.

(7).—That a "China Office" be opened in  
London and New York for the purpose of  
providing for China's sterling indebtedness by  
selling tael drafts on China against the Govern-  
ment balances in the hands of the National  
Bank in exchange for sterling payments in  
London or New York.

The writer hopes that the scheme, or a  
modification thereof, will prove a simple  
remedy, perfectly practicable to China, and  
which will serve to put the sterling ex-  
changes on a stable basis and the finances  
of China in a sound condition.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SCHOOL duties of Queen's College will be  
resumed to-morrow.

SEVERAL Atlantic liners have been delayed  
owing to the scarcity of coal in New York.

THE Kaiser's friends are starting a newspaper  
in Berlin to emulate the London Times.

THE German Mail of the 21st January was  
delivered in London on the 18th instant.

THE Court is now selecting a suitable officer  
to take charge of the operations against the  
rebels in Kwangsi.

You can get a Numbering Machine from  
LeMunyon's that will number from 1 to  
1,000,000.—*Advt.*

AN Adelaide telegram says that "it is expected  
that the King will release Colonel Lynch after  
he has served a short imprisonment."

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley  
in the second round for the Football Shield,  
the V.P.C. will play H.M.S. *Argonaut*. Kick-  
off at four o'clock.

THE Government at Tokio has been advised  
that two new British battleships, the *Conopus*  
and *Pengance*, are on their way to the Far  
East.

MR. Nakai, manager of the London branch of  
the Specie Bank, on whom the Court rank of  
the senior 6th grade had just been conferred,  
died at Tokio on the 8th.

SIR George Gabriel Stokes has died at Cam-  
bridge at the age of 84. He was at one time  
president of the Royal Society, and a few  
months since was appointed Master of Pembroke  
College.

IT is positively asserted that in the interior  
of the island of Mindoro in the Philippines there  
is a white tribe, the descendants of an English  
penal colony established in the island in the  
18th century.

ACCORDING to the *Niji* the Russian Consul at  
Masampo is trying to get the present Korean  
Inspector removed, and is prepared to advance  
the money required to secure the post for a  
pro-Russian official.

A detachment of German policemen are now  
on their way to Kiaochow. The men have  
signed a contract to act as policemen in the  
German Asiatic colony for three years at a  
salary of £125 annually.

It will save you time to get a Numbering  
Machine from LeMunyon. They are some-  
thing grand and are guaranteed in every  
respect. They can be had at LeMunyon's, 31  
Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.—*Advt.*

MR. A. Chapman, the Government Assessor,  
has recently compiled a very useful Street  
Index of Hongkong. Intending subscribers are  
requested to send in their names as early as  
possible in order to ensure getting a copy.

THE Mattochappi tot Miji-Bosch in Land  
Bouexploitation in Langkat, Ltd., have given  
notice to its shareholders that the directors  
have declared a second interim dividend of  
£1.750 per share which was payable on the  
14th inst.

BEACHCOMBERS are not having it all their  
own way here. This morning two men  
were brought up before Mr. Hazeland for being  
vagrants and having no means of subsistence.  
They were sent to the House of Detention.

AN Englishman telegram from home states  
that the Sunday School teacher Gaudier  
accused of murdering a servant girl at Pease-  
h-Hill, Suffolk, has been released as the jury  
disagreed for a second time.

MR. "Sutin" Emi has turned *Othello* into  
Japanese. Florence is Tokio, Cyprus is  
Formosa, Othello is a Japanese general sent  
to Formosa to suppress a rebellion and ap-  
pointed governor-general of the island, Des-  
demona becomes Miss Tomone, and Brabantio  
Count Fura, and so on.

IT is understood that the directors of the  
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd., will re-  
commend at the shareholders' annual meeting,  
to be held during next month, the payment of  
a final dividend of 13 per cent, making a total  
of 23 per cent from the profits upon the com-  
pany's tobacco crop for 1901.

THE funeral of the late Lord Abbot of Kato  
was accompanied by 311 injuries; 75 faintings,  
7 fights, 121 thefts, 374 pick-pockets captured,  
1,021 articles lost, while 70 persons fell into the  
creeks or ditches. It was a decidedly lively  
funeral, and "many hundred thousand priests  
and lay people were present," according to the  
*Japan Mail*.

THE Russian fleet bound eastward is not due  
here to-day, nor in the immediate future, nor  
perhaps at all, as it will coal at Pola and not  
at Singapore, says the local *Free Press*. On  
very good authority it is reported that the fleet  
has been detained in the Mediterranean, in  
anticipation possibly of complications in Macedo-  
nia.

THE Pusine Judge, the Hon. A. G. Wise, yester-  
day gave judgment with costs for the  
defendants, in the case in which the Tysing  
shop claimed \$1,125, restricted to \$1,000, as  
damages for the non-delivery of 100 cases of  
beer, being part of 200 cases purchased from  
Messrs. Laus Wegener & Co., defendants, and  
paid for on 23rd June last.

THE Malay Peninsula Sugar Industry Associa-  
tion have nominated Mr. Turner, and Mr. Boyd  
of Gula Estate, to represent them at a confer-  
ence to be held in Singapore to consider a  
proposed rate of increase in wages for Indian  
immigrants. The feeling of the meeting was  
that, owing to the greatly increased demand for  
labour throughout the Colony, and the Federated  
Malay States, a very material increase on  
the present rate of wages must be faced.

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all documents and articles that require Correct  
and Legible numbering use the "Follett  
Numbering Machine." C. E. LeMunyon, 31  
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THE *Sin Wan Pao* states that, according to  
the Peking protocol, no one is allowed to im-  
port arms and ammunition into China, there-  
fore China is compelled to manufacture them  
herself to supply her needs. The eastern and  
western arsenals of Kwangtung began to work  
this year at an especially early date, viz., on  
the 5th instant, as the troops in that and other  
provinces are in urgent need of both arms and  
ammunitions.

A VERY pleasant function took place recently  
at Shanghai, when Mr. John Prentice enter-  
tained the directors and staff of Messrs. S. C.  
Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd., to the number of  
about eighty, the occasion being a farewell  
dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Twentyman,  
who left for Europe for a well-earned holiday  
by the German mail steamer *Stuttgart*. Several  
good songs were given during and  
after dinner, and an informal dance fittingly  
terminated a most enjoyable evening.

THE *Straits Times* of February 10th says:—  
Yesterday a rumour was spread to the effect  
that Admiral Keppel was very ill. It seems  
that some time during the night he was attacked  
by one of the fits from which he suffers and  
fell, striking his head. On receiving the news  
Mr. Buckley at once proceeded to Iskander  
Hall, Johore, where the Admiral is staying with  
his friend, the Dato Meldrum, and found that  
the Admiral had not sustained any severe  
injury but was quite cheerful. Provided no-  
thing unforeseen takes place, the Admiral will  
leave for home in company with Mr. Buckley  
by the P. and O. s.s. *Malla*, on April 3rd.

THE Chinkiang community are regretting very  
much the departure of Captain Wm. Swan and  
family of Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s hulk  
*Orissa*, for Kiukiang, where he takes charge of  
the hulk *Wandering Jew*. For conscientious  
performance of duty, and for faithful attention  
to the interests of the company, Jardine,  
Matheson and Co. have no better man in their  
employ. That he is thoroughly versed in all  
that pertains to a ship is attested by the pre-  
sent condition of the hulk *Orissa*, as compared  
with what it was when Captain Swan took  
charge. Native and foreigner alike feel that  
his departure is a distinct loss to the com-  
munity, and he bears with him the best wishes  
of all, of every class.—*N. C. Daily News*.

SHOP-LIFTING is of frequent occurrence nowa-  
days in Hongkong. This morning before Mr.  
F. A. Harland two natives were charged  
with stealing three cigar holders from Messrs.  
Campbell, Moore & Company's hair dressing  
saloon. It appears that on the 18th instant  
two natives entered the shop, and after being  
shown several articles very dfully secreted  
three cigar holders while the clerk's back was  
turned, and went away. The loss was not  
discovered till the next day. Yesterday, the  
men again visited the shop, but were arrested.  
It transpired that the three cigar holders were  
sold to a marine hawk. The case was ad-  
judged till next week, when further evidence  
will be given by the marine hawk.

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THE fact that President Cipriano Castro's "four-  
years of rule in Venezuela have been the most  
turbulent in the country's history" does not  
warrant the *Manila Cables* of the 15th inst.  
publishing a photograph of the King of Siam  
as a portrait of Castro. It is a reproduction of  
an excellent half-tone illustration which ap-  
peared with an article entitled the "Coming of  
the Crown Prince of Siam," in the *Literary  
Digest* of the 26th July last year.

H. M. ships *Ocean*, *Rosario*, *Algerie*, *Water-  
witch*, *Sandpiper*, and *Phaon* have been  
ordered to pay off at Hongkong, and re-com-  
mission for further service on the China Station.  
New crews are shortly expected by the cruisers  
*Spartiate* and *Europa*. The destroyers *Virago*  
and *Sparrowhawk* are expected here about  
the end of May. The British cruiser *Talbot*  
arrived from Manila, and the *Rambler* left for  
Stanley Bay yesterday. The gunboat *Spiegel*  
arrived from Singapore to-day and the *Rubin*  
leaves for Canton to-morrow.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and  
Officers the Band of the 33rd Burma  
Infantry will play this evening at the King  
Edward Hotel, the following programme dur-  
ing dinner time, from 7.30 to 9 p.m.:—  
March....."Mairland".....Athenley  
Overture....."Die Felsenkloster".....Reissiger  
Selection....."The Ballad of the Weaver".....Godwin  
Selection....."The Shop Girl".....Ivan Caryll  
Valse....."Ver Laitant".....Wolton  
Extra....."The First Kiss".....Schubert  
Gavotte....."The First Kiss".....Schubert

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and  
Officers the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry  
will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow  
(Saturday) evening from 8 to 9.30 p.m.:—

PROGRAMME.  
March....."Hungarian".....Saint George  
Overture....."Conquering March".....Keller  
Selection....."A Chinese Honey Moon".....Tallot and Deane  
Song....."The Flight of Ages".....Beyan  
The Ballad of the Weaver.....Godwin  
Valse....."The Shop Girl".....Ivan Caryll  
Valse....."Ver Laitant".....Wolton  
Extra....."The First Kiss".....Schubert  
Gavotte....."The First Kiss".....Schubert

SEVERAL further changes have been made in  
the order of Dr. Pentecost's meetings, as  
follows: The general meeting advertised for  
5.15 p.m., to-morrow (Saturday) is cancelled.  
On Monday the only meeting will be a general  
one at 8.30 p.m. at the City Hall. On Tues-  
day there will be a general meeting at 5.15 p.m.  
in the City Hall. On Wednesday, at 8.30 p.m.,  
Dr. Pentecost will lecture on "The Reason-  
ableness of Christianity," instead of as pre-  
viously announced. His immediate appoint-  
ments are; To-night, at 8.30 p.m., an address  
to men only at the City Hall, on *The Life-  
choice of a Great Man* with special application  
to young men. To-morrow, at 11 a.m. an  
address to Ladies only at the City Hall. The  
Sunday morning service of the Wanchai  
Wesleyan Church will be transferred to the  
City Hall when the Rev. Dr. Pentecost will  
preach. Service to commence at 10 o'clock.  
On Sunday evening a general meeting in the  
Theatre at 8 o'clock.

THE Superintendent of the Alice Memorial  
and Nethersole Hospital begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donations to the  
Building Fund of the Nethersole Maternity  
Hospital:—

|                                                         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Wong Tseung Wa .....                                    | \$100 |
| Yee On .....                                            | 100   |
| Chiu U Tin .....                                        | 100   |
| Chan Sin Ki .....                                       | 50    |
| Hongkong and Kowloon Land and<br>Loan Company, Ltd..... | 50    |
| Chan On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.....                    | 50    |
| Man On Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.....                   | 50    |
| Kwong On Steamship Co., Ltd.....                        | 50    |
| Shiu On Steamship Company Ltd .....                     | 50    |
| Chan Cheuk Fan .....                                    | 50    |
| Kwan Fong Kuk .....                                     | 50    |
| Fung Tang Kee .....                                     | 50    |
| Chiu Sau Shek .....                                     | 50    |
| W. S. Bailey & Co. ....                                 | 50    |
| Chan Kan Cho .....                                      | 50    |
| U Chak Kiu .....                                        | 50    |
| Luk Chi Ngan .....                                      | 50    |
| Lau Wai Chuen .....                                     | 50    |

A LETTER received from one of the members  
of the Janet Waldorf Dramatic Company  
states, "Ere this you must have heard of the  
sad death of Miss Mildred Yorke. Her  
demise has thrown us into a profound state of  
mind, and although we go through the various  
pieces, yet we miss her terribly. . . . We  
are leaving shortly for Japan, and intend  
giving three performances at the Japanese  
capital, commencing on the 18th instant.  
After our tour in Japan, we are not sure whether  
we will carry out our original programme  
of visiting the States, as there is some talk of re-  
turning to your Colony." Shanghai *Sport* and  
*Gossip* referring to Miss Edith Haye, the sister  
of the deceased lady, says:—When told of her  
sister's death, Miss Haye could not realize it,  
and she did not do so up to the time she left  
here with the company. In all she did she  
seemed to be in a dream. If she could only  
have broken down, if tears could only have  
come, they would have relieved the pent up  
sorrow. . . . It was under the doctor's orders  
that she played in *Sweet Nell of Old Drury* on  
Saturday a week ago, the final performance  
here, in the hope that this would have the  
desired effect, but no, no tears came, she looked  
as if she was, in fact she was, in a dream. This  
accounted for Mr. Norval McGregor breaking  
down on the final performance. He told me  
himself of the incident. After he had come off  
the stage Miss Haye said to him, "Did you see  
her? Did you see her? She was there, I saw  
her," meaning as Mr. McGregor expressed it,  
that in her mind's eye she had seen her sister.  
"That is why I broke down," said Mr. Mc-  
Gregor, "and I was very sorry for in all our  
trouble, I wanted to thank the people of Shang-  
hai for their kindness to us."

**COTTAM & CO. FOR SUN HATS.**

THE German cruiser *Gitter* arrived from Singa-  
pore yesterday morning, the Japanese cruiser  
*Nanika* from Amoy, and the British cruiser,  
*Talbot* from Manila.

REGARDING cholera at Manila, which appears  
to have ceased, Dr. Clark on Thursday's  
meeting of the Sanitary Board recommended  
the Board to advise the Government to with-  
draw the proclamation declaring Manila an  
infected port. The recommendation was  
adopted.

A special despatch from Geneva, Switzerland,  
says: "The principals of a number of girls'  
schools have complained to the authorities that  
they could no longer take out the girls for their  
usual walks, because they were shocked at  
seeing the Crown Princess of Saxony driving  
with Professor Giron." The Berlin police have  
forbidden the sale of postcards having on them  
portraits of the Crown Princess and Professor  
Giron together.

Are you a *Muso*? was played at Singa-  
pore by the Brough Company with very great  
success. Extra fun was involuntarily added to  
the scene where "George" balls Amos' Papa.  
The sofa broke down while the "daughter" was  
ecstatically greeting her "pater". Another full  
house witnessed the third production of the  
piece in Hongkong last evening. To-morrow  
night will be staged, for the first time in Hong-  
kong, Captain R. Marshall's *Second in Com-  
mand*, a military comedy in four acts. The  
same play will occupy the boards till the 24th  
instant.

## SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held  
yesterday afternoon. There were present:—  
Dr. J. M. Atkinson, (president), Hon. Dr. F.  
W. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, Hon. W.  
Chatham, (Director of Public Works), Colonel  
Webb, R.A.M.C., Mr. C. McI. Messer, (Acting  
Registrar-General), Mr. E. Osborne, Mr. Fung  
Wa Chun, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, and Mr. G. A.  
Woodcock (secretary).

## REPORT FOR 1902.

The annual reports for 1902 of the Medical  
Officer of Health, the Sanitary Surveyor, and  
the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon were submitted  
and adopted.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

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## The Macedonian Reforms.

BERLIN, 19th Feb., 1.25 p.m.

The proposals for reforms in Macedonia which were addressed in a note to the Porte by the Austrian and Russian Cabinets have been accepted by the Powers in the following succession, viz. Germany, France, England. The answer of Italy has not yet been received. It is said to be in the Sultan's own interest to accept the propositions, especially as the special demands put forward by Bulgaria have been refused at Petersburg and Vienna.

## Japan, Siam and France.

The French press is growing uneasy regarding the treaty between Japan and Siam, and again attacks Monsieur Delcassé in connection with the Franco-Siamese treaty, which will be ratified on the 30th March. The French Budget report declares France would not allow Italy's advance in Tripoli.

## A Pure Invention.

Venezuela's sight draft has been handed to Germany. The report of the *New York Herald*, that Germany intends to take action against Colombia and Brazil, is a pure invention.

(Reuters.)

## The Panama Canal Co.

LONDON, February 18th.

Subject to the ratification of a pending treaty with Colombia, the United States have agreed to purchase the Panama Canal Co.'s property rights for \$40,000,000.

## Mr. Chamberlain in South Africa.

Mr. Chamberlain has arrived at Cape Town. He stopped at the extreme Dutch Centre Paarl en route where he met with a lukewarm reception.

## Parliament and the Kano Expedition.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain replying to Sir Charles Dilke denied that Lord Onslow's despatch to Col. Lugard implied a censure. The Government had absolute confidence in Col. Lugard's judgment and experience.

## Naval.

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford has been appointed to the command of the Channel Squadron.

## Mr. Chamberlain in South Africa.

Mr. Chamberlain entered Cape Town this morning and was warmly cheered by large crowds. Speaking at Greenmarket Square, he said that he hoped all the Colonists would unite in loyalty despite the apparent chronic antagonism. He appealed to all to forget the past and accept a prosperous future.

(N. C. D. News.)

## Japan and Korea.

TOKYO, 14th February.

The Korean imbroglio is at an end. Japan has not asked for compensation, but has contented itself with the withdrawal of the veto on the bank notes; secondly, for an apology from Korea, and a promise that the circulation of the notes shall not be obstructed in the future; thirdly, for the carrying out of last year's agreement concerning the non-levy of illegal duties on the Nakdong river, and the appointment of a Minister Plenipotentiary at the Japanese Court.

## The Government of the Transvaal.

LONDON, 14th February.

The Government has offered Generals Botha and Delarey seats on the Transvaal Legislative Council. The two Generals have refused the offer, not because they were unwilling to work with the Government, but because they thought that the manner in which the new Council is to be formed will not conduce to the best interests of the country.

## Mr. Balfour on the Monroe Doctrine.

Mr. Balfour, the Prime Minister, speaking at Liverpool, said that the Monroe Doctrine had no enemies in England; it will be a great gain to civilisation if the United States concern themselves more actively with preventing the recurring difficulties between European and South American Governments, by getting the latter to observe the principles of international comity.

THERE have been no new developments in the case of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, and the United States Embassy has made no request to the Home Office for her release from Aylesbury Prison, where she is serving a life sentence for poisoning her husband, to enable her to testify in a suit now pending in Virginia.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

## THE CURRENCY MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—I notice that in the course of an article on the currency in your last night's issue you comment upon a statement made by myself at the recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to the effect that we in Hongkong had no reason to chuckle over the appreciation of stocks, &c., and you then proceed to give a comparative statement of the quotations for various stocks in 1893 and 1903. This statement and criticism might have some value had I been referring to the rates current during the past ten years, but I had just been quoting a comparison between values in 1901 and 1902 and commenting upon this, and I fail therefore to see where your criticism comes in.—Yours faithfully,

R. CHATERTON WILCOX.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1903.

[We have pleasure in publishing Mr. Wilcox's communication. At the same time we cannot admit, after reference to his speech, that his comparison, although intended, is sufficiently clearly implied to be made between the last two years only. In the earlier portion of his remarks concerning landed property in Hongkong he takes us back for purposes of comparison to some twenty-five years ago, and our statement as regards shares was drawn up for the last decade as furnishing the more correct data for comparison. We do not hold that it is fair to deduce any argument upon the values obtaining in the stock market last year and now and the abnormal condition brought about by the acute fall in the price of silver within the same period.—Ed., H.K.T.]

## THE THEATRE.

"THE SECOND IN COMMAND"

To-morrow evening Mr. Brough announces his first change of programme. *The Second in Command* is a military comedy by Captain Robert Marshall and enjoyed a long and prosperous run at the Haymarket Theatre. Its success when produced in Australia was complete, and Mr. Brough numbers *The Second in Command* among the most notable successes in his managerial career. An Australian contemporary wrote as follows when the comedy was first introduced into that country by Mr. Brough:

Mr. Brough made the statement that the *Second in Command* is one of the most brilliant plays from every point of view that he has introduced in an Australian audience. If any corroboration of that opinion were needed any eye of the large and enthusiastic audience present at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening, when Capt. Robert Marshall's delightful four-act comedy was presented for the first time in Adelaide, would supply it. *The Second in Command* is an excellently constructed, strong, wholesome, military comedy which appeals to the Briton's pride, to his patriotism, to his sense of humour, and to his tender emotions. No wonder it was an enormous success in London. To the audiences who crowded in at the Haymarket it breathed the spirit of the very day, the very hour—in fact, the very minute. *The Second in Command* has come over 10,000 miles of water to win all hearts. The active part Australia has taken in the South African war helped the audience to enjoy the piece all the more. They were seeing another contingent off—the bands were playing, all was bustle and dispatch, and here were ringing cheers in the streets. There was not a dull moment in the whole of the four acts. The audience were crying one minute and laughing the next. To adequately describe the play would be a difficult task. The action of the comedy is exciting, the situations are strong, the characterization is excellent, and the play is bright, picturesque, and pure. The staging and mounting generally of the play will, the management assure us, eclipse anything ever attempted in Hongkong by Mr. Brough. The costumes and uniforms are specially prepared by Messrs. L. & H. Nathan, and are an exact replica of those used in the London production. Three nights only can be devoted to *The Second in Command* which will make way on Wednesday next for *Lady Huntworth's Experiment*, a rattling farcical comedy by R. C. Carton, author of *Lord and Lady Algy* and other successful productions.

The Box plans at Robinson's are open for six nights in advance.

## WATER RETURN.

Level and storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st February.

|                  | 1902.        | 1903.        |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Tytam.....       | 50' 1" below | 22' 2" below |
| Pokfulam.....    | 34' 0" below | 28' 0" below |
| Wong-mai.....    | 43' 3" below | 44' 0" below |
| Cheong.....      | 10' 0" below | 10' 0" below |
| STORAGE GALLONS. |              |              |
| Tytam.....       | 87,220,000   | 221,520,000  |
| Pokfulam.....    | 4,100,000    | 10,450,000   |
| Wong-mai.....    | 166,000      | 2,369,000    |
| Cheong.....      | 166,000      | 2,369,000    |
| Total.....       | 914,860,000  | 235,534,000  |

Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of January.

|                           | 1902.      | 1903.              |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Consumption.....          | 66,178,000 | 72,481,000 gallons |
| Estimated population..... | 212,300    | 217,100            |
| Consumption per head..... | 10         | 10.7 gallons       |

Intermittent supply in force during January of both years.

Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of January.

|                           | 1902.      | 1903.              |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Consumption.....          | 10,426,000 | 13,248,000 gallons |
| Estimated population..... | 54,200     | 60,900             |
| Consumption per head..... | 62         | 7.1 gallons        |

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAM, Water Authority.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

## REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1902.

(Continued.)

## SMALL-POX.

There was a small outbreak of small-pox in the early part of the year, 57 cases being reported. Seven of these cases occurred in Europeans, of whom one died and two in "other Asiatics" both of whom recovered; two of the European cases and one "other Asiatic" were imported.

In consequence of this outbreak a notification was issued by the Government on the representation of the Sanitary Board to the effect that persons could be vaccinated free of cost at the Government Civil Hospital, the Tung Wah Hospital, the Alice Memorial and the Netherlands Hospital while hand-bills were issued urging the Chinese to get vaccinated.

The total number of deaths from this disease during the year was 41 while in 1901 it was 59, and in 1900 it was 17.

The total number of vaccinations recorded last year was 6,475 as compared with 5,937 in 1901; 4,406 in 1900, 6,529 in 1899, and 7,051 in 1898. In my reports for 1900 and 1901 I called attention to the considerable falling off in the number of vaccinations recorded, and in view of the rapid increase in the population the returns for last year cannot be regarded as satisfactory.

A small bonus is now paid to the Chinese House Surgeons at the Native Hospital (Tung Wah, Alice Memorial and Netherlands) for all successful vaccinations, with a view to increasing the number of well-vaccinated persons in the Colony and thereby reducing the mortality from small-pox.

## CHOLERA.

A somewhat serious outbreak of cholera occurred in the early part of the year, resulting in the notification of 460 cases, and I do not think there can be any doubt that the spread of the disease was encouraged by the shortage of the water-supply, with the contingent intermittent service.

Only twenty of the cases occurred in Europeans and twelve of these died, while 408 cases occurred among the Chinese with 394 deaths, and 31 among the "other Asiatics" with 27 deaths. The Japanese were heavy sufferers in proportion to their number, as 20 cases occurred among this nationality with sixteen deaths; this is no doubt explained to some extent by the fact that the Japanese are, as also the Chinese, large consumers of raw vegetables. The Board specially warned the public against the consumption of raw vegetables and of unboiled milk or unfiltered water, by repeated advertisements in the public press, during the prevalence of the epidemic, but I am afraid that such warning would have very little influence with many but the most enlightened of the Asiatic community.

## DIPHTHERIA.

Twenty cases of diphtheria were reported during the year as compared with six cases during 1901. In my report for that year I pointed out that five of these six cases had occurred during the last six weeks of the year and that the most probable cause of this was the drought, and the foul condition of the sewers and storm drains resulting therefrom. The continuance of the drought and the inadequate flushing of the sewers has, I am sure, much to do with the great increase in the number of cases of this disease, which has hitherto been of rare occurrence in this Colony. Eight of the cases were Europeans and one of them died, while the total deaths numbered five.

## PUERPERAL FEVER.

Seven cases of puerperal fever were notified during the year, and five deaths were recorded from this disease—all of them among the Chinese community—while no less than 29 deaths were registered as due to child-birth, and to morbid conditions incident to parturition as compared with 47 during the previous year. This presents a very serious loss of young adult lives and is undoubtedly due to want of proper attention, and to uncleanly surroundings.

In previous reports for 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901 I have called attention to the great want there is in this Colony for some maternity charity, in addition to the Maternity Hospital attached to the Government Civil Hospital, and some attempt will, I hope, be made to meet this want when the new extension to the Tung Wah Hospital is opened.

## DISINFECTING STATION.

The Disinfecting Station buildings and staff have been under the control of Inspector Reidie throughout the year and the work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner. Perchloride of mercury sprays have been in use now for a number of years for the disinfection of buildings and in the hands of trained men they have been found to give every satisfaction. During the year a new and larger steam apparatus was ordered from England which should be in working order early in 1903. It is proposed to place the present one in a building at Kowloon so as to avoid the necessity of conveying infected articles across the Harbour.

## STAFF.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health: Wilfrid W. Pearce, M.B., B.S.

In the early part of the year three of the five Senior Inspectors—Messrs. Lyon, Lambie and Conolly—arrived from England, the other two having arrived at the end of 1901. Inspector L. E. Brett returned from leave in England having obtained the certificate of the Sanitary Institute during his absence and Inspector F. Fisher left for England on leave on the return of Inspector Brett. Inspector Hargrath rejoined the department; Inspector Hood was retired on pension owing to ill health and unfortunately succumbed to an attack of heart failure some few weeks after his retirement. Inspector Rogers has been lent to the department of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon during the period of leave of absence of the officer in charge of the Cattle Depôts and Slaughter Houses—Inspector Watson.

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## THE LATE DISTURBANCE AT CANTON.

The *Sin Wan Pui* states that about thirty rebels have been captured by the Canton authorities since the plot was found out, who are daily undergoing trial at the Namhoi Magistracy. The hearing takes place under closed doors, but it is reported that the culprits stated that their leaders were by name Chu Tsing and Liu Tashen and that these two men had several thousand followers. They had decided upon a day to break out, but their plan was revealed before all the parties had gathered together. They could not give any information as to the present whereabouts of Chu and Lin. It is said that one of the principal, Chu, has left China. The other Lin, while resisting capture by some "An" soldiers on the 19th ultimo at a tea-shop at Yientang, killed one of them.

## MYSTERY AT PEKING PALACE.

STRANGE RUMOURS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Writing from Tientsin on the 5th inst. (the letter only arrived this morning) our well-informed correspondent at that city says:—

Something appears to be going on in Peking but I cannot get satisfactory information as to what. There is some mystery in connection with the Palace, and in some quarters it is believed that the rumour, which I think I passed on to you rather more than a fortnight ago, about the E.D.'s death, may after all be true. An informant who is closely connected with the class of Chinese who open their mouths, and also with the foreign traders in Peking, affirms that the guard usually surrounding the Dowager's part of the Palace have been increased tenfold, and the usual extensive purchases made at the end of the Chinese year for the New Year festivities were suddenly stopped. If anything has happened at the Court, it would naturally be kept quiet until after the official New Year, and also for the reason that there are at least two factions in the Capital which will come into deadly conflict over the succession. It is hardly likely even the Powers would support Kwang Hsu without a powerful regent to support him, and there is only one man who would be likely to get such a post, Jung Lu, and as his son-in-law is Prince Chun, the Emperor's brother, it is not unlikely he would be the most approved aspirant to the Throne, having been abroad and enjoying the reputation of being a fairly smart young fellow. This situation is bound to come up soon, if we are not face to face with it now; but I am doing my best to find out.

A rather significant occurrence at this particular crisis is an urgent dispatch from the reformers in the Straits, who are enrolled in a society called the Protectors of the Emperor, to the Board of Foreign Affairs asking them to pay homage to the Emperor on their behalf and petitioning that he be restored to power immediately to preserve peace within and without. The telegram consisted of six characters and was very emphatic.

As I was writing the above a Chinese gentleman living in Peking chanced to call, and he states that notices were circulated secretly in Peking a few days ago that the Emperor would be dead in a few days. It may possibly be that the unfortunate monarch is dead and not the E.D. or that an attempt at least is being once more made to induce him to die off spontaneously and clear the way for the development of pet schemes. The last time an attempt was made on the Emperor the Straits folk wined up in a very similar way.

On the 10th inst. our correspondent wrote the following letter, which also came to hand this morning:—

Nothing has so far come of the Palace reports, and we are left to the somewhat tantalising conclusion in that either the rumours were much exaggerated, or some powerful influences have been brought to bear which have thwarted sinister schemes for the present. I am rather inclined to the latter theory as there are numberless indications of great official restlessness, and wordless struggle going on. Officials are being continually shifted and shuffled from post to post, and huge sums of money are being constantly voted for this or that extraneous object, while the plea of poverty is shouted from the Throne with ever increasing insistence. Thus while the Board of Revenue undertakes to give Tls. 100,000 to inaugurate the new Manchurian Army, and Tls. 20,000 per month for its upkeep, the Foreign Ministers are being coolly asked to postpone this year's indemnity in order to let China have funds wherewith to celebrate the Empress Dowager's 70th birthday!!! Matters appear to be getting worse and worse in the way of corruption, and dishonest dealings are so openly indulged in that the position looks absolutely hopeless. Here is talk of 20 million taels for a new palace at the Yuen Ming Yuen in foreign style; there is a projected visit to the West Tombs which will involve hundreds of thousands; there is the chronic lavish expenditure in theatricals and curios while eight Powers sit round with cap in hand waiting patiently for the annual mite to be dropped in, called by courtesy an "indemnity."

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## THE LATE PRINCE KOMATSU.

In our issue last evening we notified the death of Prince Komatsu, which occurred the previous night. The deceased represented Japan at the Coronation of King Edward, and returned to his country via the Siberian Railway and Port Arthur. He had been suffering, from congestion of the brain, some weeks before his death.

The House of Komatsu, formerly Higashi Fushima, is one of the hereditary branches of the Imperial family and the deceased was an uncle of the Emperor. He was born in 1846 and in 1870 went to England for purposes of study, returning in 1872. Most Courts of the Continent have been visited by him, and at the celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, he was present on behalf of the Emperor. The flags of various consulates and the warships in port to-day were flying at half-mast.

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 17th at 20.45 a.m. The barometer has risen over Japan, fallen on the China coast.

The high pressure area has spread Eastwards and is central between the E. coast of China and W. Japan.

Moderate monsoon in the Formosa Channel and decreasing monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—moderate E. winds; fair.

## Commercial.

## EXCHANGE.

|                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer.....    | 1 61       |
| Bank Bills, on demand.....              | 1 16 15/16 |
| Credits, 4 months' sight.....           | 1 7 5/16   |
| D'ments, 4 months' sight.....           | 1 7 7/16   |
| ON BERLIN, (demand).....                | M. 61      |
| ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand.....    | 1 98       |
| Credits, 4 months' sight.....           | 2 02       |
| ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand..... | 38 1/2     |
| Credits, 30 days' sight.....            | 39         |
| ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer.....    | 117        |
| On demand.....                          | 117 1/2    |
| ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer.....  | 72 1/2     |
| Private 30 days' sight.....             | nom.       |
| ON YOKOHAMA, T.T......                  | 77 1/2     |
| Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate.....     | \$12 65    |
| Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael.....      | 65.02      |
| Bar Silver.....                         | 22 3/16    |

## OPUM QUOTATIONS.

| To-day's quotations are as follows:— | Per chest     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| MALWA NEW.....                       | \$1,000/1,030 |
| OLDEST.....                          | 1,050/1,100   |
| PATNA NEW.....                       | 1,047         |
| BENARES NEW.....                     | 1,077 1/2     |
| PERSIAN (PAPER).....                 | 780/820       |

## To-day's Advertisements.

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "INDRAPURA," FROM PORTLAND (OR, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND NAGASAKI).

THE above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Goods are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Consignation and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent. Hongkong, 20th February, 1903. [2110]

## To-day's Advertisements.

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MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR CONTINENT.

## OUTWARDS.

| FROM                  | STEAMERS          | DATE           |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL | "ACHILLES" .....  | 23rd February. |
| "                     | "KINTUCK" .....   | 25th "         |
| "                     | "GLAUCUS" .....   | 6th March.     |
| "                     | "PING SUEY" ..... | 11th "         |
| "                     | "OANFA" .....     | 21st "         |

S.S. "ACHILLES" left Singapore on the 17th instant, A.M., and is due here 23rd instant.

## HOMEWARDS.

| FOR              | STEAMERS          | TO SAIL ON  |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| LONDON via GENOA | "DIOMED" .....    | 7th March.  |
| "                | "MACHAON" .....   | 17th March. |
| "                | "GLAUCUS" .....   | 31st March. |
| "                | "PING SUEY" ..... | 14th April. |
| "                | "JASON" .....     | 28th April. |

## LIVERPOOL BERTH.

|           |                  |                |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| LIVERPOOL | "DARDANUS" ..... | 21st February. |
| "         | "KINTUCK" .....  | 20th March.    |

## CONTINENTAL BERTH.

|                        |                 |                |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| MARSEILLES and ANTWERP | "PYRRHUS" ..... | 28th February. |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
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Hongkong, 20th February, 1903.

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| FOR                                                                                   | STEAMERS           | TO SAIL        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| AMOI                                                                                  | "DEYAWONGSE" ..... | 20th February. |
| SHANGHAI                                                                              | "WHAMPOA" .....    | 21st "         |
| TIENTSIN                                                                              | "NANSHANG" .....   | 23rd "         |
| MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO                                                               | "KIUKANG" .....    | 24th "         |
| FOOCHOW                                                                               | "BAKHOI" .....     | 26th "         |
| MANILA                                                                                | "SUNGKIANG" .....  | 27th "         |
| AMOI, SAMARANG and SOERABAYA                                                          | "CHANGSHA" .....   | 6th March.     |
| THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN,<br>CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBA-<br>NE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE | "CHANGSHA" .....   | 8th "          |
| Kobe                                                                                  | "CHINGTU" .....    | 16th "         |

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| ZAFIRO     | 2540  | R. Rodger    | Do.             | 6th March, at Noon.     |
| DIAMANTE   | 1980  | A. H. Nodley | Do.             | Do.                     |
| PERLA      | 1980  | J. McGinty   | Do.             | Do.                     |

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|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
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| FOR TAMSUI    | "DAIJIN MARU" .....   | T. Ogata     | SUNDAY, 1st March.        |
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## Shipping.

Arrivals.

SANUKI MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,787, W. Townsend, 19th Feb.—Shanghai 16th Feb., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

HAILAN, French steamer, 377, L. Anderson, 19th Feb.—Peking 15th Feb. and Hoibow 18th Feb., and General—J. &amp; M. Matheson.

KUTSANG, British steamer, 1,460, T. S. Payne, 20th Feb.—Moji 15th Feb. Coal—Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.

INDRAPURA, British steamer, 3,152, A. E. Hollingsworth, 20th Feb.—Nagasaki 15th Feb., General—Allan Cameron.

DAIWA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,733, D. Yoshida, 20th Feb.—Moji 15th Feb. Coal—H. U. Jeffries.

WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,517, T. H. Sellar, 20th Feb.—Moji 15th Feb. General—Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.

ESPICOLE, British gunboat, 1,707, E. G. Barton, 20th Feb.—Singapore 17th Feb. General—Butterfield &amp; Swire.

SHANAI, British steamer, 1,240, J. G. Carnagie, 20th Feb.—Canton 15th Feb. General—Butterfield &amp; Swire.

SHAKANO MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,064, J. Oeki, 20th Feb.—Moji 15th Feb. Coal—E. A. Trading Co.

HANGSANG, British steamer, 1,350, S. Wilde, 20th Feb.—Shanghai via Swatow 19th Feb. General—Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.

NESTOR, British steamer, 2,385, A. D. Baker, 20th Feb.—Singapore 14th Feb. General—Butterfield &amp; Swire.

KWANGTUNG, Chinese steamer, 1,536, W. H. Lunt, 20th Feb.—Canton 20th Feb. General—C. M. S. N. Co.

Departures.

Feb. 19, A.T. 1, Norwegian str., for Canton.

Feb. 20, Tacheng, German str., for Swatow.

Feb. 20, Binkaw, British str., for Rangoon.

Feb. 20, Thales, British str., for Swatow.

Feb. 20, Kong Ding, German str., for Amoy.

Feb. 20, Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

Feb. 20, Hanoi, French str., for Haiphong.

Feb. 20, Duke of York, British str., for Kobe.

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## Passengers—Arrived.

Per *Sanuki Maru*, from Shanghai for Hongkong—Messrs. G. Yamashita, H. A. Camerodine, Capt. J. Robinson, H. Farmer, Messrs. Chan Mak Um, K. Nomura, S. Kinogawa, Mrs. and Miss E. E. Dadds, Miss E. Foy, 5 Japs. and 16 Chinese. For Marseilles—Mrs. C. E. Watts, Bishop and Mrs. Foss and child, Mr. T. Nagai, and 1 Jap. For London—Messrs. G. W. Gordon Smith, I. Arima, T. Sudzuki, Mrs. Uchida and 2 children, Messrs. F. Schmid, T. Yoneda, J. E. Myhill, Wm. Jackson and M.



## VISITORS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Airey, Staff-Paymaster Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Katsch, E. A.  
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Barrett, E. G. Macgowan, R. T. Macgowan, R. T.  
Bell, J. T. Mansfield, Col. & Mrs. Mansfield, Col. & Mrs.  
Benz, E. C. Marriott, Dr. A. Marriott, Dr. A.  
Billing, R. L. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. E.  
Bissell, E. V. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. E.  
Boggan, Mr. & Mrs. R. McMan, T. P. McMan, T. P.  
Bonner, E. E. McMan, T. P. McMan, T. P.  
Borthwick, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. McMan, T. P. McMan, T. P.  
Bowers, Dr. F. H. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs.  
Braman, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. O. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs.  
Brough, Mr. and Mrs. Nasbit, Mr. and Mrs. Nasbit, Mr. and Mrs.  
Brown, J. W. R. C. Nasbit, Mr. and Mrs.  
Brown, W. S. Neilson, O. Neilson, O.  
Bruce, Maj. & Mrs. C. Nesbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt, Mr. and Mrs.  
Cameron, W. North, R. N. C. J. North, R. N. C. J.  
Carstensen, Haron Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. Ollis, Mr. and Mrs.  
Carrington, Sir F. and Lady Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Mr. and Mrs.  
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Coles, H. J. R. Payne, Mr. and Mrs.  
Cole, J. S. F. O. Payne, Mr. and Mrs.  
Coles, G. E. Rankin, J. Rankin, J.  
Danks, H. Robinson, J. Robinson, J.  
Dean, Mrs. F. W. Riemand, E. Riemand, E.  
Derbyshire, J. H. Ross, A. B. Ross, A. B.  
Devos, J. Ross, A. B. Ross, A. B.  
Downing, T. C. Scherer, W. von Scherer, W. von  
Drake, C. M. Schlander, K. G. Schlander, K. G.  
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Finch, R. Somerville, Geo. Somerville, Geo.  
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Franks, F. W. Stanford, W. O. Stanford, W. O.  
Gamashita, Capt. Temple, Miss Temple, Miss  
Garthy, Mrs. A. Terkelson, C. Terkelson, C.  
Gayoso, J. L. Thomas, J. A. Thomas, J. A.  
Georg, C. Thomson, Dr. J. C. Thomson, Dr. J. C.  
Hamersley, B. F. Tudor, Major and Mrs. Tudor, Major and Mrs.  
Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tudor, Major and Mrs.  
Havner, Capt. & Mrs. B. Tudor, Major and Mrs.  
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Howard, Thos. Whitton, Mrs. A. M. Whitton, Mrs. A. M.  
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Icely, Rev. F. Wilson, Mrs. M. A. Wilson, Mrs. M. A.  
Jaffi, D. West, R. H. West, R. H.  
Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Wolmer, Mr. & Mrs. Wolmer, Mr. & Mrs.  
Jones, Miss Wright, Dr. and Mrs. Wright, Dr. and Mrs.  
Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wright, Dr. and Mrs.  
A. and 2 children

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Fairlie, G. N. Nicholson, N. R. Comdr. Nicholson, N. R.  
Focke, E. Francis, C. Francis, C.  
Hay, C. H. P. Penfield, E. C. Penfield, E. C.  
Hughes, R. A. M. C. Stephens, Mr. & Mrs. Stephens, Mr. & Mrs.  
G. A. M. J. D. Stephens, Mr. & Mrs.  
Kiene, F. Stokes, R. N. Capt. Stokes, R. N.  
Kiene, Mrs. F. Stokes, R. N. Capt. Stokes, R. N.  
Krebs, Capt. & Mrs. H. Stucken, A. Stucken, A.  
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## VISITORS AT THE CONNAUGHT HOTEL.

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Boyer, W. Nash, F. W. Nash, F. W.  
Brewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Riven, Mr. and Mrs. Riven, Mr. and Mrs.  
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Grant, Powell Victor, Leslie Victor, Leslie  
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Humphreys, W. Williams, W. H. Williams, W. H.

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Brown, R. E., Col. L. F. F. Pentecost, Dr. George Pentecost, Dr. George  
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Cockell, Mrs. E. and Post, Mr. and Mrs. Post, Mr. and Mrs.  
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Gibson, Dr. Robert Sinclair, A. Sinclair, A.  
Grant, G. C. Lindsay Harrison F. Harrison F.  
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Hamilton, Maj. A. B. Stokes, A. G. Stokes, A. G.  
Hardy, Mrs. C. P. Stokes, A. P. Stokes, A. P.  
Hardy, Lieut. Comdr. Williams, S. T. Williams, S. T.  
Erness, C. Williams, R. L. Williams, R. L.

## VISITORS AT CRAIGIEBURN.

Besnard, Mrs. Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs.  
Dann, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. S. S.  
G. K. Hett, S. P. Hett, S. P.  
Denison, A. Lambelle, Lieut. and Mrs. Lambelle, Lieut. and Mrs.  
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Garrard, Jr., U.S.A. Parker, Capt. and Mrs. Parker, Capt. and Mrs.  
Capt. and Mrs. L. F. Whitehead, Mr. & Mrs. Whitehead, Mr. & Mrs.  
Helms, W. C. B. C. B.

## VISITORS AT THE KOWLOON HOTEL.

Back, Stanley Nobbs, A. P. Nobbs, A. P.  
Back, Mrs. Stanley O'Leary, U.S.A. Paymaster and Mrs. C. R. Paymaster and Mrs. C. R.  
Drake, U.S.A. Comdr. O'Leary, Master O'Leary, Master  
and Mrs. F. J. O'Leary, Master O'Leary, Master  
Day, J. S. Rothrock, P. A. Rothrock, P. A.  
Jewell, Mrs. F. F. Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. J. Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. J.

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Allan, D. Morrison, J. D. Morrison, J. D.  
Fasch, R. Pearce, T. Pearce, T.  
Gerard, Capt. Sator, Lieut. Sator, Lieut.  
Kellerhoff, E. Vanderpool, Mrs. Vanderpool, Mrs.  
Key, Dr. Wanders, F. Wanders, F.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

**STEAMERS.**  
AN PHO, British steamer, 666, J. Kynoch, 18th Feb.,—Saigon 14th Feb., Rice—Chinese.  
ARAB, Danish steamer, 159, A. Gow, 10th Feb.,—San Francisco 1st Jan., Flour—Arnhold, K. Rieck & Co.  
CARL DIEDERICHSEN, German steamer, 774, G. Schlaikier, 16th Feb.,—Haiphong 11th Feb., and Hoihow 14th General.—Jebesen & Co.  
CHWNSHAN, British steamer, 1,281, J. Jenkins, 14th Feb.,—Saigon 10th Feb., Rice and Meal.—Bradley & Co.  
DAIGI MARU, Japanese steamer, 846, T. W. Groves, 18th Feb.,—Tamsui 15th Feb., Amoy 16th, and Swatow 17th, General.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.  
DARDANUS, British steamer, 2,992, R. Tiltott, 19th Feb.,—Amoy 18th Feb., General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
DEVAWONGSE, German steamer, 1,021, Ch. Kumpel, 14th Feb.,—Bangkok 4th Feb., Rice and Teakwood.—Butterfield & Swire.  
ELG, Norwegian steamer, 708, C. R. Christophersen, 13th Feb.,—Penang 28th Jan., Rice.—Carlson & Co.  
EMPRESS OF JAPAN, British steamer, 5,904, H. Pybus, R.N.R., 18th Feb.,—Vancouver 26th Jan. and Shanghai 15th Feb., Mails and General.—G. P. R. Co.  
FAUSANG, British steamer, 1,406, S. A. Mitchell, 15th Feb.,—Moji 10th Feb., Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
HAILOONG, British steamer, 783, S. Gibson, 19th Feb.,—Swatow 18th Feb., General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.  
HINSANG, British steamer, 1,536, W. E. Sawyer, 13th Feb.,—Samarang 2nd Feb., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 985, H. Lorenzen, 30th Jan.,—Saigon 23rd Jan. and Rice and Flour.—Jebesen & Co.  
IVO MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,918, C. H. Butler, 15th Feb.,—Shanghai 12th Feb., General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
KANSU, British steamer, 1,443, W. Baddeley, 18th Feb.,—Canton 17th Feb., General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
KIUKIANG, British steamer, 1,228, W. Miller, 19th Feb.,—Canton 18th Feb., General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
KOREA, American steamer, 5,651, W. H. Seabury, 16th Feb.,—San Francisco 20th Jan., and Shanghai 14th Feb., Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.  
LOONGMOON, German steamer, 1,245, F. Schulz, 19th Feb.,—Canton 18th Feb., General.—Siemssen & Co.  
MACHAON, British steamer, 4,276, G. W. Long, 13th Feb.,—Singapore 7th Feb., General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
NAMSANG, British steamer, 4,035, G. Payne, 17th Feb.,—Calcutta 1st Feb., Penang 7th, and Singapore 10th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
NANCHANG, British steamer, 1,062, Edward Finlayson, 14th Feb.,—Saigon 10th Feb., Flour and Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.  
NANKIN, British steamer, 2,557, G. M. Montford, 18th Feb.,—Bombay and Singapore 11th Feb., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
PITSANULOK, German steamer, 1,267, C. Fuchs, 18th Feb.,—Bangkok 10th Feb., Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.  
POMPEY, American steamer, 785, J. C. Arthur, 17th Feb.,—Manila 7th Feb., Coal.—U. S. Navy.  
PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, Meyer, 18th Feb.,—Saigon 12th Feb., Rice.—Siemssen & Co.  
RAJAHURI, German steamer, 1,159, G. Wendig, 18th Feb.,—Swatow 17th Feb., Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.  
SANDAKAN, German steamer, 1,374, C. Schaur, 17th Feb.,—Sandakan 14th Feb., Timber.—Melchers & Co.  
SELUN, Norwegian steamer, 865, O. W. Sinding, 8th Feb.,—Swatow 7th Feb., Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.  
SHAWMUT, American steamer, 6,195, W. M. Smith, 16th Feb.,—Manila 13th Feb., Ballast.—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.  
SKULD, Norwegian steamer, 914, F. Henriksen, 18th Feb.,—Bangkok 9th Feb., General.—Mengesong Seng Kee.  
TARTAR, British steamer, 2,767, E. Beetham, 9th Feb.,—Vancouver and Shanghai 6th General.—C. P. R. Co.  
TEMIMA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,135, K. Yamada, 19th Feb.,—Mororan 8th Feb., Coal.—Hughes and Hugh.  
TRITOS, German steamer, 1,030, H. Clausen, 13th Feb.,—Saigon 8th February, Rice.—Siemssen & Co.  
WHAMPOA, British steamer, 1,109, Lavees, 17th Feb.,—Canton 16th Feb., General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
YUENSANG, British steamer, 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, R.N.R., 19th Feb.,—Manila 16th Feb., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## SAILING VESSELS.

GROSVENOR, British barque, 516, Boga, 14th June, Mauritius 16th January, Sugar.—Abdoela & Co.  
LOTHAIR, Italian barque, 794, Antonio M. Schiaffino, 4th Dec.,—from Callao (Peru), General.—Order.  
SEWARD, American schooner, 660, J. C. Downing, 4th Feb.,—Manila 31st Jan., Ballast.—Order.  
VALE OF DOON, British barque, 600, Peterson, 8th Feb.,—Rajang 24th Jan., Timber.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

| February 19th, 1903, a.m. |           |       |       |      |      |        |      |      |         |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|------|------|---------|
| Wind                      | Direction | Force | Temp. | Bar. | Hum. | Clouds | Sea  | Vis. | Remarks |
| Wind                      | 0-10      | 0-10  | 0-10  | 0-10 | 0-10 | 0-10   | 0-10 | 0-10 | 0-10    |
| Nemiro                    | 6 a.m.    | 30.26 | 9.93  | N    | 10   | 0      | b    |      |         |
| Hakodate                  | "         | 29.97 | "     | N    | 6    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Tokio                     | "         | 29.94 | "     | N    | 4    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Kobe                      | "         | 30.15 | "     | N    | 4    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Nagasaki                  | "         | 30.31 | "     | N    | 4    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Kagoshima                 | "         | 30.32 | "     | N    | 4    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Oshima                    | "         | 30.40 | "     | N    | 10   | 0      |      |      |         |
| Ishigakijima              | "         | 30.44 | "     | N    | 6    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Taihouku                  | 5 a.m.    | 30.53 | "     | SE   | 4    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Taihou                    | "         | 30.34 | "     | N    | 2    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Tainan                    | "         | 30.35 | "     | N    | 6    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Koshun                    | "         | 30.31 | "     | NE   | 8    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Pescadore                 | "         | 30.39 | "     | NE   | 0    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Gutslaff                  | 9 a.m.    | 30.59 | 33    | W    | 4    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Sharp Peak                | "         | 30.66 | 37    | 81   | NNW  | 3      | bv   |      |         |
| Amoy                      | 6.30 a.m. | 30.50 | 50    | 65   | NE   | 5      | 0    |      |         |
| Swatow                    | 9 a.m.    | 30.59 | 50    | 65   | NE   | 3      | 0    |      |         |
| Canton                    | "         | 30.41 | 59    | 65   | E    | 0      | b    |      |         |
| Hongkong                  | 10 a.m.   | 30.45 | 59    | 65   | E    | 0      | b    |      |         |
| Victoria Peak             | "         | 30.46 | 58    | 66   | E    | 4      | c    |      |         |
| Gap Rock                  | "         | 30.42 | "     | ESE  | 4    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Macao                     | "         | 30.42 | "     | ESE  | 5    | 0      |      |      |         |
| Haiphong                  | "         | 30.46 | 63    | SE   | 1    | b      |      |      |         |
| Manila                    | "         | 30.46 | 63    | SE   | 1    | b      |      |      |         |
| Malate                    | 9 a.m.    | 30.16 | 79    | 69   | SE   | 1      | o    | 0    |         |
| Bacolod                   | "         | 30.16 | 79    | 69   | SE   | 1      | o    | 0    |         |
| Hilo                      | "         | 30.12 | 79    | 69   | NE   | 6      | 5    | c    |         |
| Cebu                      | "         | 30.12 | 79    | 69   | NE   | 6      | 5    | c    |         |
| C. St. James              | 10 a.m.   | 30.10 | 81    | N    | 2    | b      |      |      |         |

## WEATHER-FORECASTS AND

## STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

## METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast beside the Time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not imply that bad weather is expected here:—

A DRUM indicates a typhoon to the Eastward of the Colony, (i.e., in the East quadrant, N.E. to S.E.)

A BALL indicates a typhoon to the Westward of the Colony, (i.e., in the West quadrant, S.W. to N.W.)

A CONE Point Upwards indicates a typhoon to the Northward of the Colony, (i.e., in the North quadrant, N.W. to N.E.)

A CONE Point Downwards indicates a typhoon to the Southward of the Colony, (i.e., in the South quadrant, S.E. to S.W.)

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

## NIGHT SIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on L.M.'s Receiving Ship.

## LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

## NOTICE BOARDS.

Notice boards are placed at:—  
Joint Cable Companies' Office.  
Ferry Company's Pier, Ice House Street.  
Blake Pier.  
Post Office.  
Harbour Office.  
Office of the Wharf & Godown Company, Kowloon.

## WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-

WARNINGS are exhibited on the above boards daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours, day or night, whenever necessary. Information of importance is also issued by "Express."

## THE CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL

REGISTER is exhibited at the same places daily about noon. It contains observations made at Hongkong and at a number of stations in the Far East, together with Remarks, Weather-forecasts, and information regarding the existence and movements of typhoons based thereon.

## THE LAW OF STORMS.

Further information concerning the weather to be expected while signals are hoisted, and sailing directions, are given in "The Law of Storms in the Eastern Seas."

## F. G. FIGG,

Acting Director.

## HONGKONG OBSERVATORY, 24th July, 1902.

## THE SHARE MARKET.

## LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(FEBRUARY 20th.)

| STOCKS.                                                          | PAID UP VALUE. | LAST DIVIDEND.                                                    | LATEST QUOTATION.       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| BANKS.                                                           |                |                                                                   |                         |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation                        | \$ 135         | Div. of £1.10/- and bonus of 10/- for half-year ending 31/12/1902 | \$68 1/2 ex div. buyers |
| National Bank of China, Limited                                  | £ 8            | 3/11 on A. shares for 1902                                        | \$22 1/2 buyers         |
| Do. Founders                                                     | £ 1            | \$1.904 on B. shares for 1902<br>None on Founder shares.          | \$10                    |
| MARINE INSURANCES.                                               |                |                                                                   |                         |
| Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited                       | \$ 103         | 60 per cent = \$30 per share for 1901                             | \$480 buyers            |
| China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited                        | \$ 25          | 16 1/2 % = \$1 for year ended 30/4/1902                           | \$57                    |
| North China Insurance Company, Limited                           | £ 25           | Final of 4 % making in all 8 % for 1901                           | Tails 18 1/2 buyers     |
| Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited                           | \$ 60          | 20 1/2 % = \$1 for 1900                                           | \$123 buyers            |
| Canton Insurance Office, Limited                                 | \$ 50          | 28 1/2 % = \$14 per share for 1901                                | \$162 1/2               |
| FIRE INSURANCES.                                                 |                |                                                                   |                         |
| Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited                         | \$ 50          | \$35 per share for 1900                                           | \$325 buyers            |
| China Fire Insurance Company, Limited                            | \$ 20          | \$4 per share for 1900                                            | \$86                    |
| SHIPPING.                                                        |                |                                                                   |                         |
| Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited           | \$ 15          | \$1 1/2 for half-year ending 31/12/1902                           | \$36 buyers             |
| Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited                     | £ 10           | Fin. of 12/- making £1 per share for 1901                         | \$95                    |
| China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited                      | \$ 25          | 10 % for 1900                                                     | \$26 buyers nominal     |
| Douglas Steamship Company, Limited                               | \$ 50          | Div. of \$3 per share for year ended 30/6/1902                    | \$44 sellers            |
| "Star" Ferry Company, Limited                                    | \$ 10          | \$1.20 = 12 % for year ending 30/4/02                             | \$25 1/2 buyers         |
| "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited                   | £ 1            | 2nd Interim of 9d. making 2/- for 1901                            | £1 10/-                 |
| Shanghai Tug Boat Company, Limited                               | Tails 100      | 3rd Interim of 11s. 5 for 19 1/2                                  | Tails 300 sales         |
| Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited                            | Tails 50       | Interim of 2 %                                                    | Tails 53 buyers         |
| Shanghai Cargo Boat Company, Limited                             | Tails 100      | Interim of 6 % for 1901                                           | Tails 155 sales         |
| Co-operative Cargo Boat Company, Limited                         | Tails 100      | Interim of 6 % for 1901                                           | Tails 155 sales         |
| REFINERIES.                                                      |                |                                                                   |                         |
| China Sugar Refining Company, Limited                            | \$ 100         | Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1901                                  | \$102 buyers            |
| Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited                            | \$ 100         | \$3 per share for 1897                                            | \$12                    |
| Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited                         | Tails 50       | Fin. of 7 % making 12 % for the year                              | Tails 70 sellers        |
| MINING.                                                          |                |                                                                   |                         |
| Punjom Mining Company, Limited                                   | \$ 10          | None                                                              | \$3                     |
| Punjom Mining Preference Shares                                  | \$ 1           | None                                                              | 75 cents sellers        |
| Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin                     | Francs 150     | Int. of Frs. 30 per share for 1901                                | \$600 sellers           |
| Jebeu Mining and Trading Company, Limited                        | \$ 10          | 1/2 % for 1st year end. 31/7/94 (Coupon 9)                        | \$14 sellers            |
| Raub Allain Gold Mining Company, Limited                         | £ 18s. 10d.    | No. 12 of 1/- per share                                           | \$74 sellers            |
| Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd.                       | £ 1            | 7 1/2 % = 10/- per share (Coupon No. 1)                           | Tails 8 1/2 sellers     |
| DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.                                      |                |                                                                   |                         |
| Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited                       | \$ 50          | Div. of 10 % and bonus of 4 % for half-year ending 30/6/02        | \$206 buyers            |
| S. C. Farham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.                                   | Tails 100      | Interim of Tls. 7                                                 | Tails 177 1/2 buyers    |
| Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited           | \$ 50          | Interim of \$2 for 1902                                           | \$94 sales              |
| New Amoy Dock Company, Limited                                   | \$ 61          | \$2 1/2 for 1901                                                  | \$40 sellers            |
| Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf & Godown Company, Limited             | Tails 100      | Interim of Tls. 6 for 1902                                        | Tails 312 1/2 buyers    |
| LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.                                     |                |                                                                   |                         |
| China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited               | \$ 10          | 8 1/2 % = 80 cents per share for 1902                             | \$9 buyers              |
| Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited             | \$ 100         | Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1902                                 | \$177 1/2 sellers       |
| Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.                          | \$ 30          | \$2.30 per share for 1902                                         | \$31 buyers             |
| West Point Building Company, Limited                             | \$ 50          | Final of \$1.60 making \$3.10 for 1902                            | \$32 sales              |
| Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited                                  | \$ 50          | \$6 for first half-year 1902                                      | \$143                   |
| Orient Hotel Company, Limited (Manila)                           | \$ 50          | 8 1/2 % = \$4 for half-year ending 31/12/1900                     | \$30                    |
| Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)                        | \$ 25          | 15 % for half-year ending 31/12/01                                | \$34 1/2                |
| Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)                          | Tails 25       | First year                                                        | Tails 16 1/2 buyers     |
| Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei)                                      | Tails 25       | First year                                                        | Tails 25                |
| Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited                    | \$ 10          | 9 per cent. for 1902                                              | \$11 1/2 buyers         |
| Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited                        | Tails 50       | Interim of 6 % for 1902                                           | Tails 115 sellers       |
| COTTON MILLS.                                                    |                |                                                                   |                         |
| Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited    | \$ 10          | Final of 60 cents making \$1 per share                            | \$17 sellers            |
| Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited                 | Tails 100      | 3 % for period ended 31.10.97                                     | Tails 38 sellers        |
| International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited              | Tails 100      | Interim of 3 % on account of 1898                                 | Tails 40 sellers        |
| Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited       | Tails 100      | Int. div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898 on 6,000 shares                 | Tails 40 sellers        |
| Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited                        | Tails 500      | 4 % for period ended 31.12.00                                     | Tails 150               |
| CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.                                     |                |                                                                   |                         |
| Alhambra, Limited                                                | \$ 500         | 25 % for year ending 30.6.1900                                    | \$350 sellers           |
| Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Limited                            | \$ 50          | None                                                              | \$30 sellers            |
| Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company                                 | \$ 50          | Interim of \$2 per share                                          | Tails 50 buyers         |
| MISCELLANEOUS.                                                   |                |                                                                   |                         |
| Green Island Cement Company, Limited                             | \$ 10          | 10 % = \$1 per share for 1901                                     | \$21 buyers             |
| China-Borneo Company, Limited                                    | \$ 15          | 10 % = \$1.50 for 1901                                            | \$23 sellers            |
| A. S. Watson & Co., Limited                                      | \$ 10          | Interim of 5 % for 1902                                           | \$14                    |
| Watkins, Limited                                                 | \$ 10          | 80 cents per share for 1901                                       | \$8 sellers             |
| Hongkong Electric Company, Limited                               | \$ 10          | 80 cents for year ending 31.11.99                                 | \$13 1/2 buyers         |
| Hongkong Electric Company, Limited                               | \$ 5           | 40 cents for year ending 31.11.99                                 | \$6 1/2 buyers          |
| Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited                          | £ 10           | 10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1900                                  | \$140 buyers            |
| Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited                     | \$ 50          | \$10 for 1902                                                     | \$110 buyers            |
| Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited                                      | \$ 25          | 15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1901                                     | \$50 sellers            |
| Hongkong Ice Company, Limited                                    | \$ 25          | Final of \$12, making \$16 for 1902                               | \$240 sales             |
| Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.                           | \$ 100         | \$18 for year ending 31.11.1902                                   | \$327 buyers            |
| Dairy Farm Company, Limited                                      | \$ 6           | 75 cents for year ending 31.7.1901                                | \$11 buyers             |
| Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited                       | \$ 50          | 5 per cent. = \$2 1/2 for 1901                                    | \$40 sellers            |
| Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited                                   | \$ 10          | Div. of \$2 1/2 and bonus of \$2 1/2 for 1901                     | \$35                    |
| Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited                          | £ 12s. 6d.     | 80 cents per share                                                | \$1 buyers              |
| United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited                         | \$ 4           | \$19.80 per share                                                 | \$18 1/2 sellers        |
| Do. Founders                                                     | \$ 10          | Interim of \$1.20 per share                                       | \$24 sellers            |
| Universal Trading Co., Limited                                   | \$ 20          | Final of 6 % making 12 % for the year                             | \$18 sales              |
| Hongkong Steam Water-Boat Co., Limited                           | \$ 10          | None                                                              | \$10 buyers             |
| China Light and Power Co., Limited                               | \$ 20          | None                                                              | \$10                    |
| Robinson Finance Co., Limited                                    | \$ 50          | 5 % = \$2 1/2 for half-year 1901                                  | \$15 buyers             |
| Manila Investment Co., Limited                                   | \$ 50          | None                                                              | \$15 buyers             |
| William Powell, Limited                                          | \$ 10          | Final of 50 cents making \$1 per share                            | \$9 buyers              |
| Maatschappij tot Nijp., Bosch-en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat | Guilders 100   | Interim Dividend of Tls. 2 1/2 per share                          | Tails 215 buyers        |



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